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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 2623  
DOCKET NO. 1538.1002

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Serial No: 09/714,294

Examiner: Virginia M. Kibler

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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on December 9, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.



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**REPLY/AMENDMENT  
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

Attorney Docket No.	1538.1002
Application Number	09/714,294
Filing Date	November 17, 2000
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**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	- 3 =	0	X \$ 88.00 =	0.00

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